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Dear Dr. Runolfsson:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has completed an on-site audit of Iceland's meat inspection system. The audit was conducted from October 8-18, 2001. Enclosed is a copy of the final audit report. Iceland's comments have been included as Attachment G.

During this audit, the FSIS auditor noted several deficiencies. These deficiencies were discussed in our February 4, 2002, letter to you, which transmitted the draft final audit report. During our next audit of Iceland, which is scheduled for August 2002, FSIS expects that lamb heads will not be removed prior to veterinary disposition, that findings of inadequate HACCP implementation have been corrected, and that Iceland is using an AOAC-approved method for testing samples for generic *Escherichia coli*.

If you have any questions regarding the audit or need additional information, please contact me at 202-720-3781. My fax number is 202-690-4040 and you may also reach me by email at sally.stratmoen@fsis.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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